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Dear GLA Families,

Welcome to Great Lakes Academy's 2020-2021 school year. While this year brings new challenges to the learning environment, as Pontiac's Premier Educational Institution, we are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that our children can achieve their highest potential. We plan to deliver high-quality curriculum and assignments through a virtual learning program. This letter is designed to provide parents and students with important information for the beginning of this school year.

Chromebook Distribution: *Thursday, August 27th from 12pm to 5pm and Friday, August 28th 9am – 5pm*

Our staff will be distributing Chromebooks and supplies. For returning students who still have Chromebooks from summer school, you will use these for the new school year as well.

Daily Instruction: Once daily instruction begins; school days will be *8:00am to 3:45pm Monday - Friday*
Live/Online instruction will be between 1 and 3 hours per day

Orientation: Beginning *August 31st, the Virtual Orientations will begin and run throughout the week.*
These meetings will be delivered through the Canvas Learning Management Platform.
(login instructions located on the following page)

The orientations will enable teachers to communicate academic expectations, discuss class structure and lesson plans and help you to become familiar with the Canvas Learning Management Platform. They will close each session with a question and answer segment for parents and students.

Requirements for Monday, August 31st. Students are required to log onto Canvas for **one** of the live, half-hour sessions shown below, hosted by their homeroom teacher.

- 8:00am – 8:30pm
- 11:00am – 11:30pm
- 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Requirements for Tuesday, September 1st. thru Friday, September 4th. Students are required to log onto Canvas with their homeroom teacher each day from 10:00am – 11:00am. Teachers will facilitate these sessions and technical support will be available to you throughout the week.

We are proud of the school's future and the promise of outstanding parents, our community, and teacher/staff support system. Please stay-tuned, additional information will be communicated via email, DoJo and Robo-calls.

Sincerely,

Philip Yaccick, Principal

Lavar Drummond, Dean of Students

Denyale Key, EAP Coordinator



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The Canvas Learning Management Platform will provide you with access to all your learning tools.

Login instructions:

- You will log into your Chromebook. (User IDs and passwords will be inside your Chromebook bags)
- Enter www.greatlakesacademy.org in your internet browser (Google Chrome is required)
- Click on the “Technology Access” tab and select the Canvas link.

This will take you directly to the Canvas Learning Management Platform. You are to repeat these steps each time you login.